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SUBJECT: CHINESE REPRESENTATION IN IBRD/IMF

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"FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT QUOTE R 181710Z FM SECSTATE WASHDC

1. SUMMARY: USG INTENDS FOLLOWING LOW-KEY STRATEGY IN EFFORT TO RETAIN REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC) PARTICIPATION IN IBRD/IMF. THIS MESSAGE REITERATES USG POSITION WHICH EMBASSIES MAY DRAW UPON IN RESPONSE TO HOST GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RAISE SUBJECT ON OWN INITIATIVE, BUT SHOULD REPORT ANY INFORMATION WHICH COMES TO THEIR ATTENTION ON HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER CANVASING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BEFORE LAST YEARS ANNUAL MEETING IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NEARLY ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS STRONGLY WISHED THAT CHINESE REPRESENTATION ISSUE WOULD NOT BE RAISED AT ALL. WE BELIEVE THIS IS STILL VALID EVALUATION OF OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ATTITUDE. DIRECT INITIATIVES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS OR OTHER OUTSIDE SOURCES
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SHOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN ALTHOUGH ANY INDICATIONS YOU MAY

RECEIVE OF HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES ON THIS QUESTION OR
PARAGRAPHS 3,4, AND 5 BELOW SHOULD BE REPORTED.

3. THE SAME STRATEGY WILL BE EMPLOYED AT THIS YEAR'S
ANNUAL MEETING: IF A RESOLUTION CHALLENGING CONTINUED ROC
PARTICIPATION IS MADE AT MEETING, WE WOULD AIM TO AVOID
DIVISIVE PUBLIC DEBATE AND A VOTE BY HAVING AN AMEND-
MENT PROPOSED TO REFER QUESTION TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS FOR
CONSIDERATION AFTER ANNUAL MEETING. WE ARE ASSUMING THIS
STRATEGY IS STILL ACCEPTABLE TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH
SUPPORTED IT LAST YEAR.

4. WE DO NOT PLAN TO UNDERTAKE MAJOR DIPLOMATIC CAMPAIGN
IN SUPPORT OF ROC PARTICIPATION BUT WILL FOLLOW LOW-KEY
APPROACH AS WE DO NOT WISH TO UNDERTAKE ANY ACTION OR
INITIATE ANY DISCUSSION WHICH WOULD STIR UP INTEREST IN
QUESTION.

5. WE HAVE NO RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT PRC IS CURRENTLY
INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN IBRD/IMF NOR THAT A THIRD
COUNTRY IS CONSIDERING MAKING A CHALLENGE AT ANNUAL
MEETING.

6. THIS MESSAGE AND REFTEL MAY BE DRAWN UPON BY EMBASSIES
IN RESPONSE TO HOST GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES ON USG POSITION.
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